

more victims to keep up the annual supply to meet the awful demand of this business.

They haunt the dance halls. They visit the department stores. Wherever unprotected innocence appears, there are the male and female vultures waiting for their prey.

The following extract from the published report of the Chicago Vice Commission points out some of the temptations to which salesgirls in department stores are subjected:

"TEMPTATIONS TO WHICH SALESGIRLS IN DEPARTMENT STORES ARE SUBJECTED"

"AS POINTED OUT ABOVE, THE GIRL IN THE DEPARTMENT STORE IS SUBJECTED TO CERTAIN TEMPTATIONS, TO WHICH SOME YIELD, AND FROM WHICH MANY FLEE.

"THESE TEMPTATIONS APPEAR IN THE FOLLOWING GUISES:

"1. THE PROCURESS.—THE WOMAN WHO APPEARS BEFORE THE GIRL'S COUNTER, OR IN THE WAITING ROOM, AND COMPLIMENTS HER ON HER GOOD LOOKS AND BEWAILS WITH HER THE INJUSTICE WHICH PREVENTS HER FROM HAVING BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES TO WHICH SHE IS ENTITLED AND THE GOOD TIMES, BECAUSE OF HER YOUTH AND BEAUTY. TOO OFTEN THE GIRL LISTENS AND ACCEPTS THE 'ELEGANT' LADY'S INVITATION TO COME TO HER FLAT FOR DINNER OR TO SPEND SUNDAY.

"ONE OF THESE WOMEN DID SO APPEAR BEFORE A YOUNG GIRL AND DID INVITE HER TO HER 'BEAUTIFUL FLAT,' IN FACT SHE WAS CONTINUALLY ASKING OTHER GIRLS TO DO THE SAME THING. BUT HER FLAT WAS A DISORDERLY HOUSE, AND HER OWN DAUGHTER WAS ONE OF THE INMATES.

"AGAIN, ONE DAY A SALESLADY WENT TO THE REST ROOM TO WASH. A WOMAN DRESSED IN VERY RICH APPAREL CAME TO HER AND ASKED HER TO MEET A YOUNG MAN. THE GIRL WAS AFRAID AND TOLD THE HOUSE DETECTIVE, WHO WENT TO THE ROOM, BUT THE WOMAN HAD DISAPPEARED.

"ANOTHER WOMAN WHO POSED AS A RICH LADY, TRADED SEVERAL TIMES WITH A GIRL AT THE DRUG COUNTER IN ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT STORES. ONE DAY SHE ASKED THE GIRL TO VISIT HER HOME, SAYING THAT HER HUSBAND WAS AWAY. THE GIRL ACCEPTED THIS HOSPITALITY, AND AFTERWARD WENT